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Re: *Tariff to Introduce CCS7 Access Arrangement Service*
Docket No. 01-00440

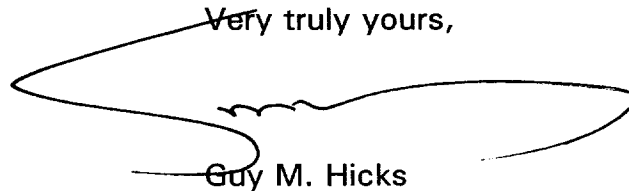
Dear Mr. Waddell:

Following the Director's Conference on July 24, 2001, BellSouth has continued to discuss the CCS7 tariff with various intervenors. In fact, last Friday BellSouth participated in a conference call with representatives of Cbeyond and ITC Deltacom in which these parties expounded on their concerns with this tariff. Although BellSouth disagrees with the legal position of the Intervenors, BellSouth better understands their practical concerns and is willing to further consider these concerns.

In the meantime, BellSouth has decided to withdraw this tariff. Although the tariff became effective in Tennessee on June 15, 2001, no customer has been, or will be, billed pursuant to this tariff. Accordingly, no person or entity will be adversely affected by this withdrawal. Revised tariff pages will be filed in the near future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. A copy of this letter is being provided to counsel of record.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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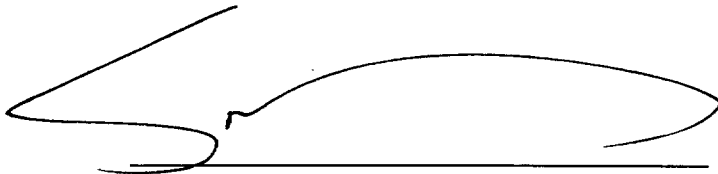
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